

Wycombe go out in glory

WYCOMBE WANDERERS earned more than their share of the £20,000 gate in last night's 1-0 FA Cup defeat at Middlesbrough.

They also received a gift of a complete set of Middlesbrough shirts, a dozen bottles of champagne and the cheers of a 30,000 crowd.

Middlesbrough's millionaire chairman Charles Amer took the champagne into Wycombe's dressing room to propose the toast:

"Well done, Wycombe. A tremendous performance. A magnificent game."

Amer added: "I was almost sorry to see our last minute goal go in."

"Wycombe deserved the most fantastic ovation on

our ground I have heard in years."

Wycombe manager Brian Lee said: "I was proud of the lads and thrilled. We went out with such glory."

"We were tiring and might have lost by five or six goals in extra time."

Middlesbrough manager Jack Charlton, who rarely shows emotion, shook the hand of every Wycombe player at the final whistle.

Even referee Alan Porter of Bolton, joined in the applause.

Wycombe winger Steve Perrin admitted he was close to tears.

"It was a fantastic sight to look round and see the whole crowd on their feet applauding us," he said.

"I was rubbing my eyes as I walked off."

GOALSCORER: Armstrong, 89 mins.